



Chapter 48

THE ROYAL TUTOR

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**WHAT
ASSISTANCE
COULD YOU
OFFER...**

**...TO HELP
A PRINCE
MAKE A LIFE
OUTSIDE THE
PALACE?**

Chapter 48
A Bright New Day



IT
WOULD BE A
BIG HELP IF
YOU COULD
SUBSIDIZE A
PERCENT OF
THE LIVING
COSTS...



I EXPECT
FINANCING
A LIFE IN TOWN
ENTIRELY
ON YOUR OWN
WOULD BE
TOO MUCH TO
MANAGE.

...I WOULD
BE HAPPY TO
ASSIST YOUR
HIGHNESS WITH
ANYTHING, IF
YOU'LL ALLOW
ME.



NO,
NO.

BUT I'LL
PAY BACK
EVERY
FLORIN ONE
DAY.



HUH?
BUT—

WE HAVE
CONCERNS
THAT SOME-
ONE MIGHT
BREAK IN
IF THE
PROPERTY
IS LEFT
VACANT.



...RENT-
FREE.

ALLOW
ME TO PUT
YOU UP IN
ONE THAT IS
VACANT...

MY FAMILY
MANAGES A
NUMBER OF
PROPERTIES.



HOW
DOES THAT
SOUND?



THERE'S
NO RISK
FOR ME AT
ALL...

I COULD
MAKE A LIFE
IN TOWN
UNDER THESE
TERMS...



...WE WOULD
NATURALLY
PAY YOU A
WAGE.

PLEASE
USE THAT TO
PAY YOUR
EXPENSES.

IF YOU
WOULD BE SO
KIND AS TO
RESIDE THERE
AS THE CARE-
TAKER OF THE
PROPERTY...



"I DIDN'T
CHOOSE THIS
PATH ONLY HALF-
COMMITTED, YOU
KNOW!"

"THIS
BUSINESS
IS MY LIFE.





PLEASE,
YOU
NEEDN'T
HOLD
BACK.

I TOLD
YOU THAT
I AM AN
ALLY TO
ALL OF YOU
PRINCES,
DIDN'T I?



.....



OH
DEAR.

I CAN'T
ACCEPT
YOUR AID
AFTER
ALL.

NEVER
MIND.



.....
BUT...

**SINCE
I'M THE
ONE WHO
CHOSE
THIS...**

**...I HAVE
TO SEE IT
THROUGH
BY MY OWN
EFFORTS...!**





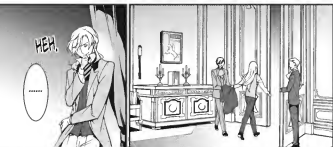
....AND
I DON'T
THINK
THAT'S
A GOOD
IDEA
EITHER.

DESIDES,
IF YOU TOOK
CARE OF
EVERYTHING
FOR ME...
...I'D
PROBABLY
FEEL
OBLIGATED
TO YOU FOR
THE REST OF
MY LIFE.



SORRY
FOR
BARGING
IN ON
YOU.

BYE.



HEH.



THE KINGDOMS
OF FONSEIN AND
MADRI LAUNCHED
AN INVASION,
CROSSING OVER
THIS BORDER.....

IN THE
1700s, THE LACK
OF A MALE HEIR
CAUSED PROBLEMS
WITH THE LINE
OF SUCCESSION,
LEAVING THE
KINGDOM OF
GRANDREICH
UNSTABLE.

...BUT I'M
NOT EXACTLY
SURE WHAT
IT TAKES
TO LIVE IN
TOWN...

I SAID
I'D GET
BY ON MY
OWN...

MY
CURRENT
WAGE IS
250
FLORINS.

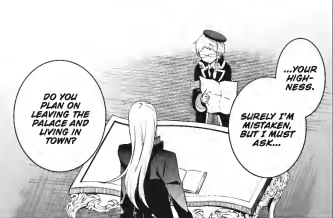
MONEY'S
GOT TO BE
THE MOST
IMPORTANT
THING TO
CONSIDER,
RIGHT?













...THAN
I DO
ABOUT
BECOMING
KING,
AT ANY
RATE.

...AND
WORKING
AT THE
CAFE...

...RIGHT
NOW, I FEEL
MORE
STRONGLY
ABOUT HAVING
A JOB I
LOVE...



...GIVEN THE
DISTANCE
AND OUR
LESSONS
BESIDES, MY
TIME WILL BE
LIMITED.

BUT IF I'M
TRAVELING
TO WORK
FROM THE
PALACE...

WITH THE
MASTER OPENING
A SECOND SHOP,
I'LL HAVE THE
OPPORTUNITY TO
WORK MORE
SHIFTS THAN EVER
BEFORE.







I GUESS I
REALLY WANT
TO MAKE
A GO OF
SUPPORTING
MYSELF.



IF I WERE
DEPENDENT ON
SOMEONE...
I DON'T THINK
THAT'S
THE PATH I'D
WANT...

NO,
NO, THE
MASTER IS
SUCCESSFUL
WITHOUT
RELYING ON
ANYONE
ELSE.



...I
SEE.

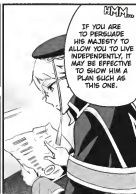


TEACHER
...



...THEN I WILL
NOT ATTEMPT
TO PERSUADE
YOU TO
CHANGE YOUR
MIND.

IF YOU
FEEL SO
STRONGLY
ABOUT
THIS...





WHUH?

...HOW
DOES YOUR
HIGHNESS
INTEND TO
OBTAIN
LODGING?



SUCH A
SHELTERED
BOY...

HMPH.

AM I
WRONG!?

...PH.
DON'T
YOU JUST
FIND A PLACE
AND THEN
PAY RENT?



THAT
IS INDEED
WHAT
I AM
SAYING.

...THEN
I CAN'T
RENT A
ROOM...

...SO
YOU'RE
SAYING,
IF I HIDE
THAT
I'M A
PRINCE...



...WITHOUT
VERIFI-
CATION
OF ONE'S
IDENTITY.

IN
GRANZ-
REICH,
ONE
CANNOT
RENT A
PROP-
ERTY...

I'VE GOT
IT COVERED!
"WHO AM I?,"
YOU ASK?
WHY, JUST AN
ORDINARY,
HANDSOME
WAITER."
SEE?

COME
ON, WHY
CAN'T I
KEEP IT A
SECRET?

HGGH...

...WILL
HIS MAJESTY
APPROVE
OF A PLAN
RELIANT
ON SUCH
RECEPTION?

WHILE I
DO NOT
PARTICU-
LARLY OBJECT...

ARE
THERE ANY
CANDI-
DATES?

THEN
I NEED
SOMEONE
WHO
KNOWS I'M
A PRINCE
AND WHO
WILL RENT
TO ME...?







NO GOOD...
THREE DAYS
OF SEARCHING,
AND I'M STILL
NO CLOSER
TO FINDING
LODGING.



I HAVE
NO OTHER
CHOICE
AFTER ALL,
DO I...?



MY ONLY
OPTION IS
TO GO TO
HIM...!





VERY WELL.

YOU'RE SURPRISINGLY CAUTIOUS, AREN'T YOU?



I INSIST ON PAYING RENT.



HOW DOES THIS STRIKE YOU?

...SO I ALREADY SELECTED A PROPERTY THAT I THOUGHT WOULD SUIT YOUR NEEDS.

WELL, I HAD A FEELING YOU WOULD FIND YOURSELF IN A QUANDARY...



AH, WE MIGHT BE ONTO SOMETHING...



FROM A SAFETY PERSPECTIVE, I BELIEVE IT'S THE PERFECT LOCATION.

BUT IT ISN'T TOO NOISY, AND THE STREET IS WELL-LIT AT NIGHT.

IT'S CLOSE TO THE PALACE. LOTS OF FOOT TRAFFIC.







...THANKS,
COUNT
ROSEN-
BERG.



IF THIS IS
ENOUGH TO
PERSUADE
FATHER,
THEN...



THERE'S
NO ONE
ELSE I
CAN GO
TO...

IF I
ADD MORE
SHIFTS INTO
MY PLAN,
I SHOULD
MANAGE...
RIGHT?



I'LL
BE...

...
RELYING
ON
YOU.



IT'S A
PLEASURE
DOING
BUSINESS
WITH YOU.

SPLENDID.



HIS
MAJESTY IS
INSIDE.

WHAT
SEEMS TO
BE THE
MATTER?



I WILL HAVE
YOU KNOW THAT I
AM ONLY HERE TO
OBSERVE AS THE
ROYAL TUTOR.

I SHALL
NOT HELP YOU
PERSUADE HIM.



T-
TEACH!

.....
YEAH.
THAT'S
RIGHT.



ALL THAT
REMAINS IS
TO CONVEY
YOUR FEELINGS
WITH IT.

COME NOW,
COLLECT YOUR
WITS.

YOU SPENT
SEVERAL DAYS
PREPARING
YOUR PROPOSAL,
DID YOU NOT?

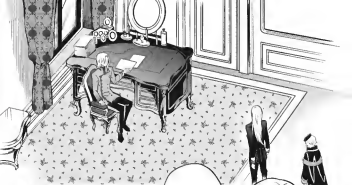


...THEN
I'LL HAVE
TO GIVE
UP...



I'VE DONE
EVERYTHING
I CAN. IF
AFTER ALL
THIS HE STILL
SAYS NO...







The Royal Tutor

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